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## NewPorte Landing development 'going well'

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La PORTE — Interest from potential clients in two proposed buildings in NewPorte Landing continues to build steam as the developer begins drafting construction plans, a company representative told members of the city Redevelopment Commission on Feb. 22.

“We’re pleased to report things are going well,” said Michael Micka, vice president of development for South Bend-based Holladay Properties.

The company in October purchased a 17-acre parcel in the former brownfield site along Truesdell Avenue and agreed to construct at least two retail buildings — one 5,000 square feet and another 11,000 square feet.

Micka said construction on those buildings could begin as early as this summer.

“I’m working with six potential tenants interested in leasing space in those buildings,” he said. “Two other prospects won’t fit in those facilities, so we’re looking at outparcels.”

Micka couldn’t discuss specifics yet but previously said Holladay would like to attract a mix of smaller stores and sit-down restaurants to the development rather than any large stores.

Meanwhile, another project in NewPorte Landing, near Detroit Street and Clear Lake Boulevard, is beginning to shape as steelworkers construct framing for the 50,000-square-foot Dunes Event Center, an outgrowth of the Dunes Volleyball Club in Rolling Prairie.

The facility is designed to draw teams and spectators to La Porte for tournaments and include batting cages, basketball courts, soccer fields and event space.